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PATENT

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001 (Paper No.

4). This Amendment is timely filed by virtue of the enclosed Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, which extends the time available for responding to the Office Action through and including December 17, 2001. Please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

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Please cancel claims 1, 18, and 22 without prejudice to prosecution of the subject matter of these claims in one or more additional patent applications.

Please amend claims 2, 5-8, 10-13, 19-21, and 23-26 to read as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, the Applicants have enclosed a "**Marked-Up Copy of Claims, as Amended**," wherein amendments made to the claims are indicated by underlining added text and ~~striking through~~ deleted text. The Applicants have also enclosed a "**Clean Copy of Claims, as**